
SENATE COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

**PROPOSED SUB A FOR S-537 and SUB A/2 FOR S-991 HAVE BEEN ADDED
S-867 WILL NOT BE HEARD AT THIS TIME
S-438 HAS BEEN ADDED**

NOTICE OF MEETING

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 2023

TIME: Rise of the Senate

PLACE: Room 211 - State House

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING:

House Bill No. [5200](#)

(Governor)

BY Abney

ENTITLED, AN ACT MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR THE SUPPORT OF THE STATE
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30, 2024

{LC715/1}

01/19/2023 Introduced, referred to House Finance

Department of Environmental Management:

FY2023 Supplemental and FY2024 Budgets

[Article 3, Sections 10 and 11:](#) Rhode Island Underground Storage Tank Fund

Coastal Resources Management Council:

FY2023 Supplemental and FY2024 Budgets

SCHEDULED FOR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [226](#)

BY Sosnowski, Pearson, Valverde, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- CANCER BENEFITS FOR
FIRE FIGHTERS {LC1055/1} (Defines a fire fighter as a member of a fire department or a city,
town, or fire district emergency services unit for the purposes of cancer benefits for firefighters.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/11/2023 Committee recommended measure be held for further study

05/19/2023 Scheduled for consideration

SCHEDULED FOR HEARING AND/OR CONSIDERATION

Senate Bill No. [773](#)

BY Ruggerio, McKenney, Pearson, Gallo, Lawson, Tikoian, Raptakis

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND PUBLIC TRANSIT AUTHORITY {LC2580/1} (Requires that procurement of certain services by quasi-public corporations be approved by the board of directors or a competitive bidding process.)

03/23/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [988](#)

BY Lombardo, Ruggerio, Pearson, DiPalma, Zurier, Acosta, Gu, Britto, F. Lombardi, DiMario

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO MOTOR AND OTHER VEHICLES -- PARKING FACILITIES AND PRIVILEGES {LC2916/1} (Requires electric vehicle parking spaces in new and expanded parking lots.)

05/15/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [989](#)

BY Zurier, Britto, Rogers, Lombardo, Felag, DiPalma, Ciccone, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND MUNICIPAL TRANSPORTATION INFRASTRUCTURE PROGRAM {LC2926/1} (Establishes Rhode Island municipal transportation infrastructure program to pay for municipal roadwork.)

05/15/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [990](#)

BY Britto, Miller, Quezada, LaMountain, Lombardo, F. Lombardi, Lawson, Gu, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC UTILITIES AND CARRIERS -- RHODE ISLAND UTILITY FAIR SHARE ROADWAY REPAIR ACT {LC2665/1} (Requires utilities to follow STIP project schedules. Requires permits for non-road repairs. Prohibits expenses and penalties to be paid with rate payer increases.)

05/15/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [991](#)

BY Ruggerio, Tikoian, Gallo, DiPalma, Lombardo, Pearson, Britto, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO STATE AFFAIRS AND GOVERNMENT -- THE RHODE ISLAND TRANSPORTATION AND TRANSIT ACT {LC2917/1} (Authorizes the state department of transportation to efficiently operate a single, integrated intermodal transportation system and to address unrealized funding opportunities.)

05/15/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [537](#)

BY Pearson, Gallo, Acosta, Cano, Murray, DiPalma, Ruggerio, Valverde, LaMountain, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO EDUCATION -- SCHOOL FUNDS AND PROPERTY {LC1149/1} (Directs the department of education to develop and adopt regulations for energy capable school buildings.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [560](#)

BY DiPalma, Ciccone, Felag, Sosnowski, Gallo

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RHODE ISLAND DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT FOR THE PRESERVATION, PROTECTION, AND CONSERVATION OF FARMLANDS {LC2341/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of five million dollars to the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for the preservation, protection, and conservation of Rhode Island farmlands.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [230](#)

BY Murray, Acosta, McKenney, Ciccone, Tikoian, Euer, Sosnowski, F. Lombardi, DiMario
ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TOWNS AND CITIES -- RELIEF OF INJURED AND DECEASED FIREFIGHTERS AND POLICE OFFICERS {LC1453/1} (Extends IOD benefits to police officers/firefighters suffering from post-traumatic stress injuries/provides municipal police/firefighters retiring due to PTSI accidental disability retirement allowance.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [260](#)

BY Rogers, de la Cruz, DeLuca, Paolino

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF APPROXIMATELY \$30,000,000 TO RHODE ISLAND'S PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR SAFETY AND SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS {LC1919/1} (This resolution would authorize the appropriation of the sum of \$100,000 to each public school in Rhode Island for school safety and security improvements.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [535](#)

BY Lawson, Miller, DiMario, Acosta, Euer, Britto, Lauria, Murray, DiPalma, Felag

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HUMAN SERVICES -- PUBLIC ASSISTANCE ACT {LC2175/1} (Increases rates for supplemental assistance. Increases supplemental income allowance and personal needs allowance by the same increase in CPI-U for the recent calendar year over the previous calendar year.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [709](#)

(Dept. of Administration)

BY Murray

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS -- STATE PURCHASES {LC1573/1} (Provides that the maximum aggregate amounts for small purchases within the chapter on state purchases be adjusted to not exceed \$25,000 for construction and \$10,000 for all other purchases.)

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [531](#)

BY McKenney, Burke, Tikoian, LaMountain, DiMario, Euer

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- STATE FUNDS {LC2226/1}

(Adds the workers' compensation administration fund to those restricted receipt accounts not subject to indirect cost recoveries.)

03/07/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [213](#)

BY McKenney, Burke, DiPalma, LaMountain, Britto

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- SALES AND USE TAXES -- LIABILITY AND COMPUTATION {LC1388/1} (Creates a sales tax holiday on August 12 and 13, 2023.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Resolution No. [775](#)

BY Mack, Bell, Murray

ENTITLED, JOINT RESOLUTION MAKING AN APPROPRIATION OF \$2,500,000 TO THE HAUS OF CODEC {LC2655/1} (Authorizes the appropriation of the sum of \$2,500,000 to the Haus of Codec to support unhoused members of the LGBTQ+ community through transitional housing, workforce training, mental health support, and daily nutrition.)

03/23/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [865](#)

BY Mack, Lauria, Bell, Gu

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO PUBLIC FINANCE -- IDENTIFICATION OF STATE PENSION FUNDS WITH MILITARY CONTRACTORS ACT {LC709/1} (Requires the state investment commission to identify pension fund investments in military weapon manufacturers whether held directly or indirectly.)

03/30/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [867](#)

BY ~~DiPalma, Ciccone, Lombardo, Gallo, Sosnowski, Felag~~

~~ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PUBLIC SERVICE CORPORATION TAX {LC2673/1} (Provides tax relief on electricity and natural gas for the months of December 2022 through March 2023.)~~

~~03/30/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance~~

~~05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration~~

Senate Bill No. [716](#)

(Dept. of Labor and Training)

BY Goodwin, DiPalma, Ciccone

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO LABOR AND LABOR RELATIONS -- EMPLOYMENT SECURITY -- GENERAL PROVISIONS {LC2403/1} (Eliminates the "until June 30, 2023" sunset on the increase in the total amount of earnings a partial-unemployment insurance claimant can receive before being entirely disqualified for unemployment insurance benefits.)

03/22/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [859](#)

BY Mack, Zurier, Bell

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO TAXATION -- PROPERTY SUBJECT TO TAXATION {LC781/1} (Allows the host city or town to impose a two percent (2%) tax on the endowment of a private institution of higher education, to be used only for the host's public school district.)

03/30/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Finance

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

Senate Bill No. [438](#)

BY Sosnowski, Kallman, Ujifusa, F. Lombardi, Lauria, McKenney, Mack, Burke, Valverde, Zurier

ENTITLED, AN ACT RELATING TO HEALTH AND SAFETY -- PUBLIC HEALTH AND WORKPLACE SAFETY ACT {LC923/1} (Repeals the exemption granted to pari mutual facilities and casinos from the smoke free workplace requirement contained in the Public Health and Workplace Safety Act.)

02/16/2023 Introduced, referred to Senate Special Legislation and Veterans Affairs

04/26/2023 Committee transferred to Senate Finance

05/05/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

05/05/2023 Meeting postponed

05/19/2023 Scheduled for hearing and/or consideration

PROPOSED SUBSTITUTE

Senate Bill No. [537 SUB A](#)

{LC1149/A/1}

Senate Bill No. 991 SUB A
{LC2917/A/2}

TESTIMONY SUBMITTAL:

*Written Testimony must be submitted prior to 3:00 PM on Thursday, May 25, 2023, in order for it to be provided to the members of the committee at the hearing and to be included in the meeting records.

TELEVISION AND LIVESTREAM INFORMATION

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